Tahsildars at Vaikom.

428. MR. P. GOPALAN ; Will the Hon'ble Minister for Land be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any Government order that only caste Hindus must be appointed as Tahsildars at Vaikom ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for such an order ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, whether any non caste Hindu has been appointed as Tahsildar at Vaikom till this day?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN : (*a*) Government are not aware of the existence of such an order ;

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(*c*) No.

Police Constable Padmanabha Pillai.

* 429. MR. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon'ble Minister for Police be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether complaints were received about a Police Constable Padmanabha Pillai in Vaikom Police Station, that he has assaulted two boys on 30-3-1124 ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative what action has been taken by the Government ?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The complaint is being enquired into.

കൊപ്രാ ഇറക്കുമതി.

*430. MR. K. A. MAHOMMED MUSTAFA : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട തിരുവയുടെ ചാർജ്ജ് വഹിക്കുന്ന മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ ?

(എ) സിലോൺ, ഫിലിപ്പൈൻസ് മുതലായ പുറംരാജ്യങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു അനിയന്ത്രിതമായി ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ കൊപ്രാ ഇറക്കുമതിചെയ്യുന്നപക്ഷം അതു നമ്മുടെ നാളീകേരവിലയേ സാരമായി സ്പർശിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നുള്ള വസ്തുത ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ നിവാരണത്തിനു നടപടികൾ ഈ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് നടത്തുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

(സി) ഈ കാര്യം മുൻകൂട്ടി ഇൻഡ്യൻയൂണിയൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുമോ ?

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H'N'B'E MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) The question is hypothetical. It is likely that unrestricted import of copra at low prices would adversely affect the price of cocoanut produce in the State.

(*b*) The question will be taken up if occasion arises.

(*c*) The Government of India are aware of the repercussions that may ensue in this country, as a result of indiscriminate import of copra into India. Even at present imports are restricted, and there is at the moment a shortage of copra in the country on account of the fact that it has been found not possible to import even the limited quantities which are permitted,

Securities held by Travancore.

* 431. MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of securities held by Travancore on 1-6-24;

(*b*) the amount raised on these securities as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*c*) the amount invested on the stock of Food Grains as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*d*) the estimated annual net loss on the food grains purchase and sale by Government?

HON'BLE MR. A J JOHN: (*a*) I. Rs. 5,42,72,500.

(*b*) I. Rs. 478·25 lakhs on the deposit of securities to the value of Rs. 5,05,72,500.

(*c*) I. Rs. 45,00,000 approximately.

(*d*) About I. Rs. 3,36,00,000 per annum if no subsidy is granted.

Branch lines by the Transport Department.

* 432. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme to take over the branch lines by the Transport Department; and

(*b*) when will the Thengapattanam-Kuzhithura line be taken up?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No time limit can be fixed now.

Perunchani Scheme.

* 433. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state-

(*a*) the approximate period within which the Government expect to complete the Perunchani scheme.

(*b*) the nature of work now going on; and

(*c*) the expenditure till now incurred?

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